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1. D/NFAC				Attached for your information is a short summary of the draft concepts paper that we have been asked to comment on. The paper
2.				was prepared by the DCI's STAP and will be forwarded to him prior
3.				to our meeting on 10 April. I also have attached Bruce Johnson's
4.			STATINTL STATINTL	summary of our meeting that was held on Wednesday with Messrs. ▮▮▮ and ▮▮▮▮
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, National Foreign Assessment Center

FROM   :   Clarus W. Rice
                  Director of Central Reference

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                  Technical Advisory Panel

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1.   The following is a summary of a draft paper that has been prepared by ███████████████████████████ of the DCI's Scientific and Technical Advisory Panel. The draft paper has been forwarded to OCR and ODP for comments by COB 4 April. We will forward a copy of our reply for your information when it is completed. The thrust of this concepts paper does not differ much from the main points expressed in the meeting that we had on Wednesday with Messrs. ████████████████████ In effect, their concepts paper says:

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a.   There is a need to expand the Community role in SAFE.

-- They are concerned that there is no Community ADP/ communications manager; that SAFE is not being integrated into any overall Community plan; that there is a need for stronger Community management in SAFE; and finally, that SAFE needs to consider Community requirements as well as NFAC requirements.

b.   The technological qualifications of SAFE management needs to be improved.

-- The authors feel that the major problem in SAFE is technological. To provide the technical advice and assistance, they recommend that the DCI create an expert panel composed of Agency, Community and contractual members referred to in the paper as an Advisory Counsel on Technology (ACT). ACT would be responsible for monitoring and reviewing on a continuous basis SAFE development, and SAFE requirements for the DCI and the SAFE managers.

c.   Because of the size of the ultimate SAFE system (characterized as a large and intimidating R&D effort), the authors feel that a pilot SAFE project much larger than the Interim SAFE System needs to be implemented and experimented with for several years before we embark on the development of a large SAFE system.

-- The authors accept the validity of the Interim System as an approach to collecting data but the pilot SAFE would provide more and better data; it would be tested

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by the entire Community, not just NFAC; it would be
linked to the rest of the Community through COINS; and
consolidated SAFE Community requirements could then
result from this "pilot Community SAFE system."

d.   The authors also recommend that the Agency invest additional
effort in determining how NFAC analysts do analysis. This
effort would probably be undertaken in their view by ORD
with contractual help.

2.   To accomplish the above, ███████████████████████ STATINTL
recommend that we delay review and acceptance of the SAFE design now
scheduled for late 1980 and early 1981, and instead expand the Interim
System, which they feel can be accomplished within a year.

3.   In the last paragraph of their concepts paper, the authors
recommend that ACT "be prepared to exercise both review and monitoring
functions with some intensity." They characterize ACT's immediate duty
as one of advising the DCI and SAFE management about the "design review
and possible acceptance this summer." They admit that this proposal is
contrary to their opinion that SAFE ought to be delayed or modified.

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